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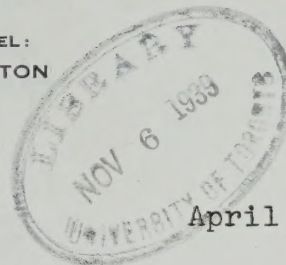
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April 22, 1938.

To The Chairman
and Members
of The Royal Commission on Transportation.

Gentlemen:-

This Association desires to express its appreciation for the opportunity granted to present the views of its member Boards upon the subject outlined in Clause 5 of the Order-in-Council appointing your Commission, viz.,

To investigate and report upon the annual cost of constructing, maintaining and administering all public roads in the Province of Ontario and the contributory cost, direct or otherwise, by the municipalities affected, and to what extent the cost of such public roads should be met by the owners and operators of such motor vehicles.

Upon the above subject we have already made representations to the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations in our brief submitted at Ottawa on January 19th last.

Copies of that brief have already been filed with you, and the subject has been referred to in various places throughout it but more particularly on pages 20 and 21, to which we direct your attention.

We desire to emphasize that at present in nearly all municipalities in Ontario over 90% of their revenue is derived from taxation upon real property.

Further, that every municipality has been forced to incur heavy expense caused directly by the development of motor traffic, such as:

The provision and maintenance of traffic lights.

The use of police at many points to control traffic, to provide safety crossings for pedestrians. In many places a number of the police force are detailed for exclusive service connected with motor traffic, and a portion of the time of all the members of the force is given to its regulation.

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In our opinion the Government of the Province should reimburse the municipalities out of the revenue now derived from motor licenses and tax on gasoline.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of
The Ontario Association of Real Estate Boards.

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